



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:
October 16, 2019

Gable Chambers
550 W. 20th St. Port Orford, Oregon
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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES **September 25, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit
Absent: Legal Counsel John Huttli.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice gave the report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Paasch – Add Brookings Head Start Change Orders after Agenda Item 7C.

Add Federal Lands Letter from Sue Morgan, Policy Manager, Natural Resources & Revenue AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) after Agenda Item 7A.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Garman spoke in support of the Floras Lake land swap. Kirk Hamrick spoke about a tool library and described aspects of the project and grants available. Paulianne Balch-Rancourt supports the Floras Lake land swap. Ann Vileisis supports the Floras Lake land swap and also asked about the timing of the agenda amendment to appoint a Board member to a committee. Leila Thompson expressed concern about the water district specifically, with State eliminating a water district, Curry County will be left behind. Bob Morrow thanked the Board for their Floras Lake land swap efforts, expressed concern over small changes possibly extending the time line, and suggested to start thinking about the remaining 400 acres. Bryan Thompson is concerned about loss of local watermaster and asked if the County can do anything about a new watermaster as the north coast needs representation.

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5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Consideration of State Parks Land Exchange Proposal (Floras Lake) – John Huttli, County Counsel

Chris Havel, Associate Director OPRD (Oregon Parks and Recreation Department), State Parks, stated the timeline could be shortened, but warned a shortened timeline could narrow the scope of the final trail product and affect quality of work as the OPRD trail development staff are in high demand. Havel stated a longer timeline allows them to take advantage of the Oregon Coast Trail and gives time to do it properly. Havel concluded OPRD is here for the long term relationship, is not walking away, and wants to continue working together. Boice stated he wants a consensus on why we can't get this done and doesn't want to split hairs. Gold said she is fine with it, would like Huttli's explanation and likes the idea of doing things right. Paasch stated he did not see McVay Rock State Recreation Site in the transfer language.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve: BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes - August 28, 2019 Business Meeting
- B. Approve: Department Specialist II Job Description - Clerk's Office
- C. Approve: Hire Order for Appraisal I – Assessor's Office
- D. Approve: Head Start Project changes

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve consent agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Ordinance, First Reading: Creation of a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council – Julie Schmelzer DOC, Director of County Operations

Gordon Clay told his personal story, spoke about suicide statistics nationwide and in Curry County and asked that the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council decide on what aspects of issues are to be addressed, and requested more members be added to the draft ordinance.

Schmelzer reminded the Board they received a letter from Connie Hunter and indicated it was entered into the record. Paasch read the ordinance, spoke of the veteran's suicide rate stating suicide is becoming an epidemic in the Country, and hopes the north county participates in the council. Boice stated he knows Clay is a veteran. Gold stated she appreciates Clay's work. By consensus the Board agreed to send the ordinance on to a second reading.

B. Federal Land Management Subcommittee Request – Paasch read Morgan's letter asking Curry County to designate a Commissioner to vote on Federal Land Management subcommittee.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to approve Boice as member of the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT Schmelzer spoke about

- Elk River Campground - Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator gave an update and invited the public to the Elk River Recreational area presentation on October 3, 2019, from 5PM to 7PM, in the Port Orford Library.
- Introduced Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Assistant and Sharlyn Harvey, Finance Director

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- County Leadership meeting next week where a consultant will be at the meeting with housing as one of the topics.
- Code enforcement which effects tourism and housing values.
- Reviewing the PSU (Portland State University) study, which is close to wrapping up, about combining 911 dispatch.
- Implementing the County credit policy.
- Harvey joining the OGFOA (Oregon Government Finance Officers Association) and has received a \$1000 scholarship to go to the conference.
- The need for ID badges for all employees.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Working with SWOCC as they present seminars.
- As the education liaison, she will be meeting with school principals.

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The impact of compression issues in the Sheriff's department.
- A plan for different approaches to do payroll more efficiently.
- Special taxing districts, specifically, the amount of taxes they appropriate as he sees issues from a business sense and feels money could be better spent.
- An amnesty program to get unpermitted properties on the tax rolls by not charging a penalty to get property up to date.
- City of Port Orford, thanking the City for opening their building and the use of the Gable Chambers.

C. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Praise for Terrie Richards, City of Port Orford City Administrator/Recorder for her work.
- October 9, 2019 Fire-Preamble Communities meeting at the Chetco Public Library.
- October 10, 2019 Fire-Preamble Communities meeting at the Port Orford Library.
- October 12, 2019 Emergency Preparedness Expo and the amount of hours Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management Coordinator and Matteson put in.
- John Wilson, Operations Specialist, ODA (Oregon Department of Aviation) and the Cape Blanco airport.
- The number of Boards and committees he serves on.
- Governor's Council on Fire Recovery meeting in Portland that he and Tyson Krieger will be calling in a presentation on the proposed Champion Mill site on Jerry's Flat Road for fire training which already has received some grants.
- Praise for Merv George, Jr., Forest Supervisor on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest and the number of hot shot crews.
- AOC Board and water issues.
- ODFW Board meeting.
- Time spent on CCH (Curry Community Health).
- Forest Collaborative and getting funding for hazard fuel reduction.
- SOD (Sudden Oak Death) and Housing are the 2 biggest issues facing this county.
- Travel Curry Coast.

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- Calling into the Advanced Health Care meeting.
- Curry County Housing Task Force is making progress looking for grants and trying to find funding for a housing coordinator.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(None)

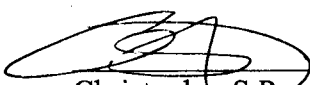
11. OTHER (ORS.192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

(None.)

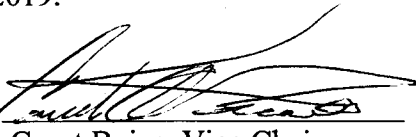
12. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

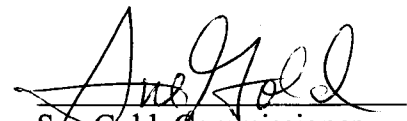
Dated this 16th day of October, 2019.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair
10/16/19



Sae Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant